## 7.9.2008 - All Roads Lead to a County Fair

It has been said that &Idquo;All roads lead to Rome." In the summer, in southern West Virginia, however, all roads lead to a county fair or festival.

Whether its ramps or Railroads, pig roasts or pumpkin festivals, southern West Virginians never miss an opportunity to celebrate our Appalachian heritage and the rich local flavor that makes our region unique. The biggest of them all, West Virginia's State Fair, is held annually at the West Virginia State Fair Grounds in Fairlea, Greenbrier County.

People come from miles around to participate in the food and livestock competitions and have fun at these fairs. While enjoying the food and festivities, fair visitors are also able to see, hear, touch, smell, and taste the richness and variety of what southern West Virginia has to offer.

Nothing says summer quite like a county fair. They allow us to reconnect with our roots, relive our childhood, and relish in the beauty of the Mountain State.

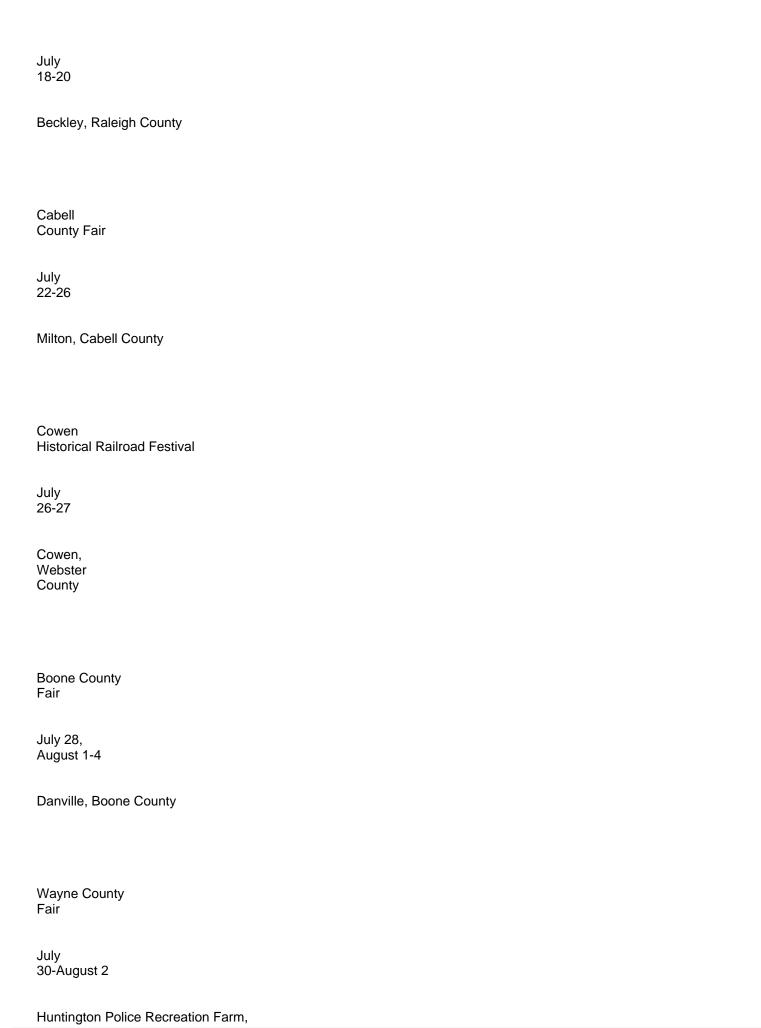
I encourage everyone to take a weekend this summer and take advantage of the following fairs and festivals found throughout southern West Virginia.

Durbin Days & Heritage Festival

July 17-19

Durbin, Pocahontas County

Friends of Coal Auto Fair



Wayne	
County	

Whitesville Big Coal River Festival

July 30-August 2

Whitesville, Boone County

Appalachian String Band Music Festival

July 30-August 3

Clifftop, Fayette County

Cherry River Festival

August 4-8

Richwood, Nicholas County

West Virginia State Fair

August 8-16

Fairlea,
Greenbrier
County

Logan County Arts, Crafts & Antique Festival

August 8-10

Logan, Logan County

Appalachian Festival

August 21-24

Beckley, Raleigh County

Oak Leaf Festival

August 28-31

Oak Hill, Fayette County